

**AGENDA**



<b>RCA</b>	Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	6345
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	5/26/2011	<b>Department:</b>	Austin Police Department

**Subject**

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance that amends City Code Chapter 9-3, relating to juvenile day and night time curfews, and continues and readopts City Code Chapter 9-3.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is not required.

**Purchasing Language:**

**Prior Council Action:**

June 18, 2008 - City Council conducted a public hearing and approved an ordinance that amended and continued City Code Chapter 9-3, relating to juvenile day and night time curfews.

**For More Information:**

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**Boards and Commission Action:**

**MBE / WBE:**

**Related Items:**

**Additional Backup Information**

Every three years, the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance is required to be renewed or it automatically expires. The Austin Police Department (APD) has prepared a report regarding juvenile crime and victimization for 2008-10 as compared to previous years. APD supports the continuation of the ordinance as an effective enforcement tool.

In addition, to improve the effectiveness of the ordinance, APD recommends standardizing the curfew citywide. Eliminating the current variations in curfew hours (by day of week, by geography) would result in a standard curfew citywide that should allow for broader use.

The 2008-10 report includes the following noteworthy findings:

- Juvenile arrests as a proportion of all arrests declined from 12% before the ordinance was passed (1987-89) to 5% most recently (2008-10).
- Juvenile arrests as a proportion of juvenile population dropped from 11% before the ordinance was passed (1987-89) to 7% most recently (2008-10).

- During 2008-10, most juvenile Part I arrests (91%) were property offenses, rather than violent offenses. This pattern is stable from 2005-07.
- During 2008-10, juveniles represented 5.7% of all crime victims, down slightly from 6.5% during 2005-07.
- APD issued 65% of its curfew citations during school hours. AISD (Austin Independent School District) also issues curfew citations, 100% of them during school hours.

The number of juvenile curfew citations issued by both agencies dropped from 2005-07 to 2008-10; APD's citations fell 37% and AISD's citations fell 15%.